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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Alexander:

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The Honorable John Boozman
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The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
United States Senate
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The Honorable Daniel Coats
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jeff Flake
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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The Honorable Johnny Isakson
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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Pat Roberts
United States Senate
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The Honorable John Thune
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The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
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